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# ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS IN THE MINERAL SECTOR

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Neculai Pavlovschi (Romania), on the basis of informal consultations

## Recommendations on mineral resources for transmission to the Commission on Sustainable Development

The Committee on Natural Resources decides to transmit the following recommendations to the Commission on Sustainable Development at its third session, in 1995, through the Economic and Social Council:

The Committee recommends:

(a) That the Commission on Sustainable Development recognize the need to ensure the sustainable supply of mineral resources as a key issue in its consideration of all four of its critical elements of sustainability 1/ (cross-sectoral cluster A: (1) International cooperation to accelerate sustainable development in developing countries and related domestic policies (chap. 2 of Agenda 21); (2) combating poverty (chap. 3 of Agenda 21); (3) Changing consumption patterns (chap. 4 of Agenda 21); and (4) Demographic dynamics and sustainability (chap. 5 of Agenda 21)) and also as a key element in an integrated approach to the planning and management of land resources (sectoral cluster G, chap. 10 of Agenda 21); 1/

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1/ See report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its first session (E/1993/25/Add.1), chap. I, decision A, annex.

(b) That the Commission give particular attention to this issue in the provisional agenda for its third session, in 1995, not only in its consideration of clusters A and G, but also in its consideration of cross-sectoral cluster B (Financial resources and mechanisms (chap. 33 of Agenda 21)); cluster C (Science for sustainable development (chap. 35 of Agenda 21)); and cross-sectoral cluster D (Integrating environment and development in decision-making (chap. 8 of Agenda 21)) and information for decision-making (chap. 40 of Agenda 21); 1/

(c) That the Commission note the need to forge an effective dialogue between the United Nations system and all interested parties, in particular the international mineral industry, in developing new approaches;

(d) That the Commission note the decision of the Committee on Natural Resources to prepare a strategy paper on the above aspects of the key issue of the sustainable supply of mineral resources, which could be made available to the Commission at its third session, in 1995, as a background paper.

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